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WHO'S HELPING THE GANG?

JUDGE FINLETTER has himself in the
front position of assisting the
gang of racketeers who have been
driving the city's business to the
wall.

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In the case, The eclipse will be total
in regions of the earth in which perfectly
clear weather may be expected, but the
sun will be in a region of the heavens
not so fully supplied with the stars necessary
for the experiment.

Still scientists are hopeful of a definite
result. Einstein has been proved right on
at least two of his three major claims and
if today proves him correct on the third,
physicists must reverse their view of the
universe.

The man in the street will pay little
attention to it. The whole proposition is,
after all, a theoretical rather than a
material subject, and no matter whose concep-
tion of the force of gravity may prove to be
correct, it will still be painful to have a
brick fall on your head.

Scientists, however, are not satisfied with
theories that will not stand every possible
test, and to them it is of vast importance
that Einstein's claim be proved definitely
either right or wrong.

When Franklin flew his kite and brought
down the sparks of electricity from the
clouds, some one asked him, "What value
is it?" The great philosopher replied: "Of
what value is a baby? Yet the baby may
grow to be a great man."

THE NEED IN WASHINGTON IS
A LOBBYIST FOR THE PEOPLE

In the Light of the Coal Situation,
President Harding Seems Des-
tined for the Job

THIS is indeed an age of wonders. Mar-
velous crowd and people each other on the
great horizon like rindling politicians in a
country fair. Who, for example, would have
guessed that the coal corporations, having
guessed to forest a sort of economic clear-
up into the public pocket and so lay on a
few additional tons of money for their old
age, could be turned without violence from
their purpose and denied the only pastime
that gives them any real happiness? Yet it
appears that no such thing is going to be
done, more easily in the retail market.

The Democratic State Coal
Commission seems able at the writing to keep
the prices down somewhere in the general neigh-
borhood of the prices of a few weeks ago. In
these hard days, we have come to call normal.
That is much to be thankful for, at
any rate. Unless a real revolution takes
hold of the coal men, a great deal of the
Turk, anthracite prices, some time about as
they were last March.

Mr. Atney and the other Commissioners
worked with hastily formed machinery. It
is extremely significant, however, that
they had none of the authority or power
which Congress and the courts have
granted to the coal men. It is a
curious thing that the coal men, who
are the only ones in the country who
have the power to make a great deal of
money, should be so completely at the
mercy of a few men who are not even
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Whether or not there were reports of
wild and unbridled passions, it is
probable that there were. But it
is clear that there were no such
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If the evidence of recent events means
anything it means that Mr. Harding cannot
be bamboozled or frightened or persuaded
against his better judgment, no matter how
deeply the fate of his party may be
involved in a disputed issue. He could be
and may yet be a great lobbyist for the people.

As such he can do nothing better than
keep an eye on the progress of the coal in-
vestigation and see to it that Congress is
not permitted now or later on to forget the
disastrous effects of the recent deadlock
in the coal fields and the enormous economic
losses suffered by the people as a whole.

A VICTORY FOR PEACE

IT HAS occurred at last to Old World
diplomats that merits are to be found
in frank and full conferences, not discovered
in war, intrigue or covert concession
making. The League of Nations, the
attitudes of the allied Powers to call a conference
of nations concerned in the Near Eastern
crisis, but excluding Russia, is a whole-
some and tonic reaction from the long period
of confusion and perilous cross-purposes.

The move, announced by Britain yester-
day, is a bold and statesmanlike one. It
restores to the League of Nations its
responsibilities shirked in 1919. During the
intervening years the situation in the
Levant steadily assumed more alarming
proportions until the ruin of Smyrna and
the danger to the whole structure of what passes
for civilization at the meeting of the
European and Asia testified to the tragic
iniquity of delay.

The Turks are now in a position to de-
mand a radical revision of the postwar
Treaty of Sevres. For the moment at least
French policy in the Near East is in the
ascendant.

It is obviously as a supplant that the
Marquis of Curzon journeyed to Paris and
there gave further intimations of his
policy. The great British statesman,
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are made.

In spite of somewhat heated rumors,
points of contact of the British and French
Governments have all along existed. There
is indeed not a single European nation
which could face the possibilities of a Turkish
invasion of the Continent without apprehen-
sion or could accept with anything like
equanimity a full restoration of the
Turkish empire at the expense of the
Bosporus. The League of Nations, and
the subsequent influence through the
Kemalists seem to have been the obvious
primarily responsible for the catastrophe
of the Near East.

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VOICES JOAN OF ARC HEARD

Little Bands of Spiritualists in Rouen
Still Hear Them, While Contro-
versies Concerning the Maid
of Orleans Continue

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN

Rouen, Normandy, France.

THIS city of Rouen is famous and infamous,
just as you care to look at it.
It is famous as the scene of the last
days of William the Conqueror, who died
miserably within its gates.

It is infamous as the scene of the
last days of Joan of Arc, who died
miserably within its gates.

The second part of France, its wharves
are—in these troublous times—piled high
with the commerce of maritime Europe.

Twenty-five feet under the ground it
preserves the bones of the great
An underground church, where the Chris-
tians of the early centuries sneaked in to
worship and thus defy the heathen Romans,
is really what it is.

And yet it was here in the market place
that innocent Joan of Arc was burned at
the stake.

That, if you please, is its badge of in-
famy.

OF COURSE, these people of Rouen
would resent the imputation of infamy.
They claim that the English, and French
and the Church have been trying for nearly
600 years to pass the blame along.

The fact is that all three had a hand in
the crime for that is what it was.
Rouen has done all she could to repair
the wrong.

In a military sense the English were
responsible.

In a religious sense Rome had to shoulder
the blame.

Her ecclesiastical judges, with Bishop
Cochon at their head, affirmed the
sentence of death.

Bishop Cochon and his confessor sat
on a raised platform on that fatal May 30,
1431, and saw the fire lighted and their
sentence carried out in the old market place.

Less than a quarter of a century later
the Church reconsidered its error.

It placed the crown of martyrdom on
the head of the Maid of Orleans.

Her name was enrolled in the Calendar
of the Saints.

ALL this is preliminary to a curious dis-
covery which is making some
of the most fascinating of cities.

Joan of Arc's inspiration which led her
to captain the forces of suffering France
was what she called "voices."

She heard strange whispers that came
to her out of the air as she tended her
sheep in the fields of Domremy.

It represents her as a sweet-faced peasant
girl.

Nearly her mother is shearing a sheep
in the front yard of their home.

In the background, faintly outlined, is
the father at the plow.

Also in the background, a figure is leaning
down from the clouds in the old market place.

There is a halo about his head and a
sword in his hand.

He is seeking to thrust the sword into
the hand of the girl.

It was the sword that was to save her
France.

The guide will tell you that it is St.
Michael the Archangel and Joan of Arc.

IT WAS one of Joan's "voices."

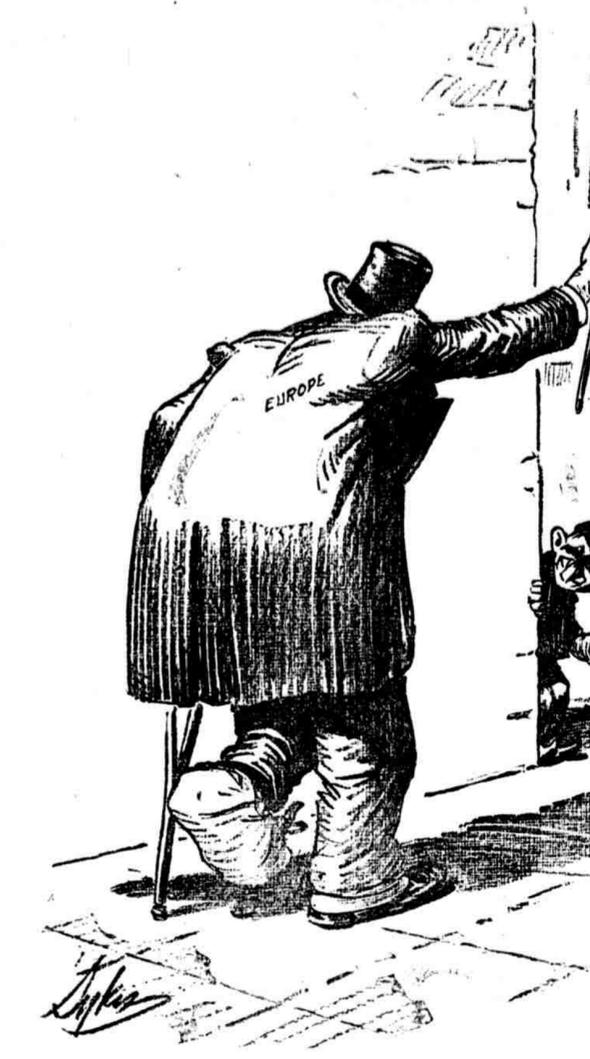
It was one of those voices that urged her
on to become great in history.

Because of them, and the blind belief
of hundreds of years ago, they led her to
her death.

The spiritualists of today, the world over,
believe in "voices."

Messages of the morning, and inspira-
tions that guide in the market place, and on
the busy streets, as well as in the seance
rooms.

"SOME DAY—!"



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They
Know Best

TILLIE SARA THOMPSON
On Women's New Rights Under Law

The laws of the land discriminate
against married women and favor
married men; but of all the States attempt-
ing slowly to give greater freedom to the
woman in wedlock, Pennsylvania stands out
the most progressive. This is the opinion
of Tillie Sara Thompson, attorney at law,
with offices in the Real Estate Trust
Building.

"Pennsylvania laws, as are laws of most
States," said Miss Thompson, "are based
on English common law. And common law
is the outgrowth of customs that have
been out of a day when women were considered
no more than mere chattel property."

"According to common law, indeed, a
married woman is no better than a minor
or a lunatic. A single woman, however,
has the same rights that a single man has."

"Mothers, up until only a short while
ago, did not have equal custody and con-
trol of their children with their fathers.
They have been given the right, by
the Legislature in Pennsylvania, to collect
their children's wages, and they even
now can't legally do that unless the fathers
have abandoned them or are in some manner
incapable of caring for their children. Con-
sequently, mothers, in effect, have equal
control over the services, earnings or real
property of their children. The mother is
every responsible for the illegitimate child;
the father is entirely free of any responsi-
bility."

"Married women cannot choose their
legal residence, and when equal rights are
granted wives are not protected as are hus-
bands. Under common law a husband can't
sell jointly owned property without his
wife's signature, but he can mortgage the
property without consulting his wife, and
he can file that mortgage as high as he
wants to. The wife cannot."

"Under common law a husband not only
owns his wife's services to himself, but
he owns whatever payment she may receive
for furnishing board, lodging, nursing in
the home to persons not members of the
family. That doesn't apply any more in
Pennsylvania, because Pennsylvania has
progressed beyond the other States in the
passage of laws that amend common law. In
Pennsylvania a wife now owns whatever she
earns."

"In Pennsylvania they have passed more
enabling acts than in other States, and
would indicate that generally the relation
of the law toward women will be un-
derstandably better in the future."

"But a personal of the news passed to
amend common law indicates how recent
the changes are."

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. What are the quizzes and where do they
live?
2. What is the tariff of a ship?
3. What is a medallion piece?
4. What is the character of the character
of certain cattle?
5. What are the two greatest river systems
of South America?
6. What is a railway car that has a gondola?
7. What province forms the Union of South
Africa?
8. Which is the shadow of the street
lamp?
9. Who was General Moresque?

The Desert Has One God

THE desert has one God, the Great Lord
Sun.
Death is his servant, as the jackals
are.
That follow where the caravans dare
go.
With obscure rites to claim what death has
done.